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SIR:

Enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period for response originally set by the Examiner in the action dated 10/22/02 to expire on 11/22/02 by three months so that the new deadline is 02/22/03. The extension has become necessary, because the Office was not satisfied with the sequence listing supplied with the response submitted on 11/21/02.

Enclosed are therefore a substitute computer readable form (CFR) copy of the sequence listing and a substitute paper copy of the sequence listing.

The contents of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter.

Please substitute the accompanying Sequence listing for the listing presently on file.

It is believed that the substitute computer readable and paper copies overcome the objections of the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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